(ii) Cases pending for more than 12 months from the date of original receipt	Promotion to the Assistant Director (Design)	post of Gr. I
(iii) Cases pending for more than 6 months from the date of original receipt	(i) Promotion to the Assistant Director Manufacture) (ii) Promotion to the Assistant Director Gr.	post of (Jute post of I

Ministry of Commerce Nil

Floating of Tenders by Kendriya Bhandar

1280. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Bhandar floated tenders but have not disclosed therein the conditions, violation of which can result into scrapping of the successful tender;

(b) if so, the reasons for scrapping supplies of successful tenders in the absence of such conditions and whether it is not violative of Article 14 of the Constitution that cast an unwritten obligation to act in manner consistent with concept of a Welfare State Governed by rule of law; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Kendriya Bhandar had floated tenders for shortlisting suppliers for various items. The tender form indicates various conditions/terms which the tenderer should fulfil. It has also a condition which stipulates that Kendriya Bhandar reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason.

Some of the tenders have been rejected due to high rates, samples

submitted by firm not being as per the tender enquiry, discrepancy in the specifications or non submission of earnest money deposit etc. Thus scrapping of tenders is not violative of Article 14 of the Constitution.

(c) In view of reply to (a) and (b) above, no action is called for the by the Government.

Powers to Chairman of Kendriya Bhandar

1281. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether mere provision of delegation or assigning powers to the Chairman in the Kendriya Bhandar does not entail conferring powers on him under the bye-laws of the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, how has the Chairman exercise the powers with regard to purchases detrimental to the proper control over the affairs of the Bhandar; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to fully enquire into the violation of the bye-laws and fix accountability and responsibility and to check the recurrence thereof in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the bye-laws of Kendirya Bhandar the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may delegate or assign any or all its powers to the Chairman or the Managing Director. Since the Purchase policy adopted by the Society is duly approved by the Executive Committee as well as the Board of Directors, the delegation of powers to the Managing Director/Chairman, Kendriya Bhandar for purchase of goods contained therein is within the provisions of the bye-laws of the society.

The Chairman has been exercising the powers vested in him with due diligence for ensuring proper, smooth and effective functioning of the society.

(c) Since there is no violation of the bye-laws of the society, the